by CSO, the rates of growth in industrial production were 8.7% in 1985-86, 9.1% in 1986-87 and 7.4% in 1987-88. It was 9.4% during April-November, 1988.

The Seventh Five Year Plan envisages an average rate of growth of over 8 per cent in the industrial sector.

The decline in industrial growth in 1987-88 was due to the unprecedented and severe drought conditions faced by the country. The Government had initiated a number of measures to remove the constraints on industrial growth and provided a more liberal package of industrial policies. The liberalisation process has continued. Various measures taken to boost industrial growth in the industrial sector include de-licensing of industries, broad banding, re-endorsement of capacity with reference to minimum economic scales of operation, revision of Appendix I industries, review of industries reserved for small scale sector, adoption of simplified procedure for recognition of capacity arising out of modernisation/ replacement of plant and machinery etc. Government have also provided incentives and subsidies, provision of concessional finance and infrastructural development.

The Government has also decided to set up 100 Growth Centres in the country during the next 5 years for promotion of regional development of backward areas. In the first phase 61 Growth Centres are being set up at a cost of Rs. 25 crores to Rs. 30 crores each.

With the bountiful monsoon and buoyancy evident in investment climate, the Seventh Five Year Plan target of growth of industrial production is expected to be achieved.

Investigations relating to the Properties of M/s. Express Newspapers Limited

2092. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1918 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether necessary steps have been taken by Government to expedite the appeal filed against the Bombay High Court's stay order, on investigations relating to alienation of valuable properties belonging to Express Newspapers Limited from M/s. Indian Express Newpapers (Bombay) Private Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The appeal is pending for admission.

गुम हो जाने वाले तथा विलंब से प्राप्त मनीआर्डरों के बारे में शिकायतें

2093. **श्री रजनी रंजन साहू** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान मनीआर्डरों के गुम हो जाने तथा विलंब से मिलने संबंधी शिकायतों की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो): (क) जी हां।

(ख) इस संबंध में निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए जाते हैं:-

(i) **गुम हुए मनीआर्डरों से संबंधित शिकायतों के मामलों में** :
इनकी जांच तत्काल की जाती है और जहां-कहीं आवश्यक होता है, डुप्लीकेट मनीआर्डर जारी किए जाते हैं।

(ii) **मनीआर्डरों का वितरण विलंब से होने के मामलों में** :
(क) तत्काल जांच की जाती है और जांच के परिणाम के आधार पर

उपचारात्मक कार्रवाई की जाती है।

(ख) मनीआर्डरों की अदायगियों के समय-समय पर मॉनीटर किया जाता है।

(ग) डाकघरों को आर्थिक सहायता देने में सुधार हुआ है।

(iii) ऐसे सभी मामलों में दोषी कर्मचारियों को उचित चेतावनी दी जाती है।

Revised Pay Scales and new DA for the Executives of Public Sector Undertakings

2094. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) the names of Public Sector Undertakings which have revised the pay scales of their Executives since January, 1987 along with their old and new grades, date of revision, old and new DA as on date; and

(b) what is the current rate of dearness allowance being paid to the Executives of NTPC, IOC, IAC, ONGC, BHEL, NHPC in the slabs of basic pay upto Rs. 2000, upto Rs. 3000, upto Rs. 4000 and upto Rs. 6000 P.M.?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) None of the Public Enterprises under the control of the Central Govt. have revised the pay scales of their executives since 1987.

(b) Executives in PEs like NTPC, IOC, IAC, ONGC, BHEL are being paid DA @ 1059.45 w.e.f. 1.1.89 under the Industrial DA formula. NHPC executives are in receipt of DA under the 3rd CPC DA formula.

Modernising the Telephone System in Nagaland

2095. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the telephone system in Nagaland;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide telephone facilities to Bhandare town of Dokha district of Nagaland; and

(c) if so, what are the details in respect of (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Information is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

A number of schemes have been drawn for modernising the telephone system in Nagaland. The important ones planned during the last two years (1988-90) of the 7th Five Year Plan are as under:

(i) Installation of 2000 lines main electronic exchange at Kohima and Dimapur each.

(ii) Replacement of a number of existing non-electronic telephone exchanges by electronic telephone exchanges.

(iii) Installation of Integrated Digital Network Scheme for Nagaland with 360 line Rural Transit Exchange at Kohima and Mokokchung.

(iv) Establishing of a Multi Access Radio Relay system with base station at Kohima for providing about 14 long distance public telephones.

(v) Installation of national telex exchange at Kohima and Dimapur.